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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

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1 1. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:  
2 a control component that comprises an interface usable by an administrator to  
3 designate one or more tones and one or more announcements that are playable in a  
4 communication session as interruptible, wherein the one or more tones designated as  
5 interruptible comprise a) ring back tones, b) audible alerting tones, c) congestion tones,  
6 d) reorder tones, e) call waiting tones, f) barge in tones, g) denial tone bursts, h)  
7 incoming additional call tones, and i) priority additional call tones ~~are not limited to dial~~  
8 ~~tone information streams.~~

1 2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the administrator  
2 employs the interface to dynamically designate a tone as interruptible, and wherein the  
3 tone is playable at a communication device; and  
4 wherein the control component stops playing the tone at the communication  
5 device without playing the tone to completion upon receipt of an interruption request  
6 from a user of the communication device.

1 3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the administrator  
2 comprises a service provider associated with the communication device; and  
3 wherein the service provider may customize a tone ~~and/or~~ and announcement  
4 service for the communication device by employing the interface to designate the one or  
5 more tones ~~and/or~~ and the one or more announcements as interruptible and one or  
6 more other tones ~~and/or~~ and one or more other announcements as not interruptible.

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1 4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the user presses a  
2 button on the communication device to initiate an interruption of the tone; and  
3 wherein the control component interprets the button press as the interruption  
4 request, wherein the control component stops playing the tone at the communication  
5 device based on the button press.

1 5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the control component  
2 plays the tone at the communication device in a communication session; and  
3 wherein the user of the communication device sends the interruption request to  
4 the control component to skip a remainder of the tone and progress to a next phase in  
5 the communication session; and  
6 wherein upon receipt of the interruption request, the control component moves to  
7 the next phase in the communication session.

1 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the control component comprises  
2 a mobile switching center.

1 7. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising a  
2 configuration database that stores one or more indications associated with the one or  
3 more tones and the one or more announcements that are designated by the  
4 administrator as interruptible.

1 8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the administrator  
2 employs the interface to set the one or more indications in the configuration database to

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3 represent that the one or more tones and the one or more announcements are  
4 interruptible.

1 9. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein upon receipt of an  
2 instruction to play a tone at a communication device, the mobile switching center  
3 accesses the configuration database to determine whether the tone is indicated as  
4 interruptible or not interruptible; and  
5 wherein the mobile switching center plays the tone at the communication device.

1 10. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein upon receipt of an  
2 interruption request from a user of the communication device, the mobile switching  
3 center stops playing the tone at the communication device if the tone is indicated as  
4 interruptible; and  
5 wherein upon receipt of the interruption request from the user of the  
6 communication device, the mobile switching center continues playing the tone at the  
7 communication device if the tone is indicated as not interruptible.

1 11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the mobile switching center  
2 comprises the interface to allow the administrator to update one or more of the one or  
3 more indications from a representation of interruptible to a representation of not  
4 interruptible.

1 12. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the control  
2 component allows the administrator to set a designation of a tone as interruptible, and  
3 wherein the control component allows the administrator to change the designation of the

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4 tone to prevent interruption of the tone.

1 13. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the one or more  
2 tones and the one or more announcements that are playable in the communication  
3 session comprise audible signals in a telephone call.

1 14. (Currently amended) A method, comprising the step of:  
2 interfacing an administrator with a configuration database to allow the  
3 administrator to designate in the configuration database one or more tones and one or  
4 more announcements that are playable in a communication session as interruptible,  
5 wherein the one or more tones designated as interruptible comprise a) ring back tones,  
6 b) audible alerting tones, c) congestion tones, d) reorder tones, e) call waiting tones, f)  
7 barge in tones, g) denial tone bursts, h) incoming additional call tones, and i) priority  
8 additional call tones ~~are not limited to dial tone information streams.~~

1 15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the administrator  
2 comprises a service provider associated with a communication device, and wherein the  
3 step of interfacing the administrator with the configuration database to allow the  
4 administrator to designate in the configuration database the one or more tones and the  
5 one or more announcements that are playable in the communication session as  
6 interruptible further comprises the steps of:  
7 allowing the service provider to modify the configuration database to customize a  
8 tone ~~and/or~~ and announcement service for the communication device; and  
9 allowing access to the configuration database for the service provider to  
10 designate the one or more tones ~~and/or~~ and the one or more announcements as

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11 interruptible and one or more other tones ~~and/or~~ and one or more other announcements  
12 as not interruptible.

1 16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the administrator  
2 dynamically designates a tone of the one or more tones as interruptible, and wherein  
3 the tone comprises an audible signal in a telephone call, the method further comprising  
4 the steps of:

5 playing the tone at the communication device; and

6 stopping the playing of the tone at the communication device before completion  
7 of the tone upon receipt of an interruption request from a user of the communication  
8 device.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

2 accessing the configuration database, upon receipt of an instruction to play a  
3 tone at a communication device, to determine whether the tone is indicated in the  
4 configuration database as interruptible or not interruptible; and

5 playing the tone at the communication device.

1 18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

2 stopping the playing of the tone at the communication device upon receipt of an  
3 interruption request from a user of the communication device if the tone is indicated as  
4 interruptible; and

5 continuing to play the tone at the communication device upon receipt of the  
6 interruption request from the user of the communication device if the tone is indicated  
7 as not interruptible.

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1 19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of:  
 2 interfacing the administrator with the configuration database to allow the  
 3 administrator access to the configuration database for an update of a designation of one  
 4 or more of the one or more tones ~~and/or~~ and the one or more announcements from a  
 5 representation of interruptible to a representation of not interruptible; and  
 6 preventing an interruption of the one or more of the one or more tones ~~and/or~~  
 7 and the one or more announcements with the representation of not interruptible.

1 20. (Currently amended) An article, comprising:  
 2 one or more computer-readable signal-bearing media; and  
 3 means in the one or more media for interfacing an administrator with a  
 4 configuration database to allow the administrator to designate in the configuration  
 5 database one or more tones and one or more announcements that are playable in a  
 6 communication session as interruptible, wherein the one or more tones designated as  
 7 interruptible comprise a) ring back tones, b) audible alerting tones, c) congestion tones,  
 8 d) reorder tones, e) call waiting tones, f) barge in tones, g) denial tone bursts, h)  
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